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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO AMEMBASSIES JIDDA
KUWAIT LONDON SANAA TEHRAN FROM AMEMBASSY AMMAN 29 JUL 73
(290634Z JUL 73):

QUOTE AMMAN 3981

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DEPARTMENT PASS CINCEUR

KUWAIT PASS ABU DHABI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, US, YE, UAR, JO, SA

SUBJ: JORDANIAN ARMS FOR YAR

1. AMER KHAMMASH HAS JUST RETURNED TO AMMAN. HE RECEIVED
FILL-IN FROM KING AND CP ON ARMS FOR YEMEN AND THEN ASKED
ME CLARIFY IT FOR HIM. TRIED TO DO SO. ALSO TOLD HIM THAT
I HAD JUST WRITTEN PM RIFAI (MAKING POINTS IN STATE
147163) AND SUGGESTING HE GET COPY FROM RIFAI (WHO IN
SAUDI ARABIA TODAY).

2. KHAMMASH SAYS JORDAN CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE AMMO TO
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YAR. IF IT DOES, IT WILL JUST GET MORE REQUESTS AS

YEMEN "BOTTOMLESS WELL" SO FAR AS ARMS AND AMMO CONCERNED.
TOLD HIM I AGREED COMPLETELY AND THAT USG BILL FOR
REPLACEMENT OF ITEMS JORDAN HAS OR WILL SEND WILL COME
TO ABOUT HALF-MILLION DOLLARS. I SAID MAYBE ABU DHABI
WILL PAY. HE REPLIED THAT ONLY THING HE KNOWS FOR SURE
THAT ABU DHABI WILL PAY FOR ITS SALADINS. MAYBE YEMENIS
HAVE COMMITMENT FROM ABU DHABI BUT NO ONE SHOULD RELY
ON THIS.

3. I SUGGESTED THAT HE GET IN AN AIRPLANE AND GO SEE
SHEIK SAYID. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BUT HAS NOT THE
SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE HE IS NOW. THINKS HE IS IN LONDON.
(ABU DHABI: LET ME KNOW)

4. KHAMMASH SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY KING TO TAKE
OVER ARMS FOR YEMEN PROGRAM. I SAID THAT WAS FINE WITH
ME AS I WAS NOW DEALING WITH KING, CROWN PRINCE, PRIME
MINISTER, AND CHIEF OF STAFF, ALL OF WHOM SEEM TO HAVE
SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IDEAS. SAID THAT I WANTED ONCE AGAIN
TO MAKE IT PLAIN THAT USG DID NOT HAVE FUNDS OR ABILITY TO
OBTAIN THEM IN ORDER TO FINANCE JORDANIAN SHIPMENT OF AMMO
TO YAR. SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO FIND CASH TO RESUPPLY
JORDANIAN RESERVES. BROWN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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